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(LELEKO, ANDREAS) (STEFURAK, EMILIA)
(HANFF, KONSTANTY ZYGFRYD)
SUBJECT: ALLEGED NAZI WAR CRIMINALS

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM THE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE CONCERNING A NUMBER OF THE PERSONS NAMED IN VARIOUS EMBASSY NOTES AS RESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES WHO ARE THE TARGETS OF ALLEGATIONS THAT THEY PARTICIPATED IN WAR CRIMES DURING WW II.

2. MYSCENKO AND STAROSTENKO: WOLODYMYR BEZNOZIUK WAS ORIGINALLY LISTED WITH 36 OTHER NAMES IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 342 OF OCTOBER 19, 1976. HE WAS MENTIONED IN DOCUMENTS TRANSMITTED WITH BONN A-227 OF JUNE 30, 1977. BY NOTE THE FRG FONOFF HAS SENT A COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE DIREKTOR OF THE ZENTRALSTELLE DER LANDESJUSTIZVERWALTUNGEN IN LUDWIGSBURG (RUECKERL) DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 1977, WITH RESPECT TO WHAT WAS CHARACTERIZED AS A US REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING CRIMINALS IN CONNECTION WITH NAZI CRIMES IN A PRE-TRIAL
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PROCEEDING AGAINST BEZNOZIUK AND OTHERS. RUECKERL REFERENCED DECREES BY THE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG JUSTICE MINISTRY OF NOVEMBER 16, 1976, AND AUGUST 24, 1977. THE DIRECTOR STATED THAT THE EVIDENCE MENTIONED IN HIS REPORT OF FEBRUARY 21, 1977 (ENCLOSED WITH 77 BONN'S A-227) CONCERNING CRIMES IN THE CHERSON AREA WAS REVIEWED WITH RESPECT TO MYSCENKO, HAWRYIL AND

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STAROSTENKO, PAUL (BOTH LISTED IN EMBASSY NOTE NO. 342
OF OCTOBER 19, 1976). THE REPORT STATES THAT PERSONS
WITH THESE NAMES WERE NOT MENTIONED IN THE EVIDENCE
MATERIAL. RUECKERL STATED THAT THE INVESTIGATIONS
CONDUCTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUEST MADE BY THE
EMBASSY ON OCTOBER 19, 1976 (NOTE NO. 342) HAVE BEEN
COMPLETED AND THAT NO FURTHER INFORMATION SHOULD
BE EXPECTED FROM THE ZENTRALSTELLE.

3. THE ABOVE SEEMS TO MEAN THAT NO ADDITIONAL INFORMA-
TION CONCERNING ANY OF THE 37 PERSONS NAMED IN EMBASSY
NOTE NO. 342 (BASED ON STATE A-4700 OF SEPTEMBER 24,
1976) IS AVAILABLE.

4. LELEKO: IN REPLY TO EMBASSY NOTE NO.264 OF
SEPTEMBER 26, 1977, (BASED ON 77 STATE 214232 AND
77 USBER 2377), FONOFF HAS ADVISED EMBASSY THAT
ACCORDING TO THE INVESTIGATIONS OF THE ZENTRALSTELLE IN
LUDWIGSBURG NO RECORDS WERE FOUND CONCERNING ANDREAS
LELEKO. THE RECORDS OF THE ZENTRALSTELLE GIVE NO
REASON TO BELIEVE THAT ANY OTHER GERMAN PROSECUTING
AUTHORITY HAS ANYTHING ON LELEKO. NO INFORMATION ABOUT
LELEKO BECAME KNOWN IN THE COURSE OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE HANNOVER PUBLIC PROSECUTOR AGAINST WEXLER FOR
NAZI CRIMES AT CAMP HANNOVER-AHLEM (NOT ALLEN).
THE FOREIGN OFFICE INDICATED THAT IT WAS AWARE THAT US
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AUTHORITIES MADE INQUIRIES WITH THE AGENCY FOR NAZI CRIMES OF THE ISRAELI POLICE WHO ALSO HAD NO RECORDS ON LELEKO.

5. STEFURAK: THE FOREIGN OFFICE NOTE OF SEPTEMBER 6, 1977 WITH REGARD TO THE EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING EMILIA STEFURAK, WHICH CONTAINED THE MATERIALS SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT BY BONN A-306 OF SEPTEMBER 12, 1977, HAD INDICATED THAT THE RECORDS OF THE PROSECUTOR AT DARMSTADT STILL NEEDED CHECKING. THE EMBASSY HAS SINCE BEEN INFORMED BY THE FOREIGN OFFICE THAT AN EXAMINATION OF THE RECORDS AT THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN DARMSTADT HAS TURNED UP NO FURTHER MATERIAL ON STEFURAK.

6. HANFF: IN RESPONSE TO THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 265 OF SEPTEMBER 23, 1977, BASED ON 77 STATE 155565, CONCERNING HANFF, KONSTANTY ZYGFRYD, THE FONOFF HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THE RECORDS OF THE TRIAL OF ADOLF KUHNEL CONSTITUTE 12 VOLUMES OF ABOUT 350 TO 500 PAGES EACH. THE FOREIGN OFFICE STATES THAT WITHOUT MORE DETAILED KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHAT DOCUMENTS MIGHT
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INTEREST THE US AUTHORITIES IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO JUDGE WHICH DOCUMENTS TO COPY FOR THE US AUTHORITIES. FOR THIS REASON THE JUSTICE MINISTRY OF BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE EMBASSY SEND TO THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EMBASSY WHO COULD DETERMINE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THAT OFFICE'S KNOWLEDGEABLE EXPERT WHICH PARTS OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST KUHNEL MIGHT BE OF IMPORTANCE FOR THE PROCEEDING AGAINST HANFF.

7. THE EMBASSY HAS NO OFFICER AVAILABLE WHO COULD JUDGE WHAT PARTS OF THE DOCUMENTS MENTIONED IN PARA 6 ARE OR COULD BE RELEVANT TO THE HANFF PROCEEDINGS. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT INS FRANKFURT OR SOMEONE PARTICULARLY FAMILIAR WITH THE HANFF PROCEEDINGS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO TAKE UP THE SUGGESTION OF THE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG PROSECUTING AUTHORITIES. THE EMBASSY IS, OF COURSE, PREPARED TO RESPOND TO THE SUGGESTION OF THE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG JUSTICE MINISTRY AS SOON AS AN

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